



FAQ: Infectious Diseases Catalyst Grant

Q: Can the Foundation meet online or in person or call applicants to discuss project ideas?

A: Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to have individual dialogues with applicants for this call, and we are not able to advise you on which theme you should focus on.

However, if you have any questions regarding eligibility for this call, the budget or the application process, you are welcome to send in any questions by email.

Q: Can NNF match international researchers with Nordic researchers to apply for this call?

A: For this call, the Foundation is not able to match partners to work on applications. We also do not currently have a network or platform that supports forming international research partnerships within the infectious diseases research environment.

Q: Is there is a limit in the number of applications that could be submitted per PI? For example, can a single investigator apply to more than one thematic area?

A: You can only send in one application to this call under one thematic area, either as main or co-applicant.

Q: How many applications can an individual be a co-applicant on?

A: You can only send in one application to this call, either as main or co-applicant.

Q: Can a researcher with a half-time (50%) primary appointment at a Nordic institution serve as the Principal Investigator for the Infectious Diseases Catalyst Grant?

A: No. Main applicants must have a minimum 75% employment at a Nordic institution for the duration of the proposed project, to be eligible to apply for this call.

Q: Could an investigator be a main applicant in 1 application (from their Nordic affiliation), but be included as a co-applicant in other applications (with a foreign affiliation)?

A: No, for this call it is not possible to be a part of more than 1 application.

Q: Is it allowed to invite a second Nordic Co-PI, in addition to the foreign Co-PI in the Catalyst call?

A: For this call it is only possible to have one co-applicant. You can have additional collaborators

involved in the project, but these collaborators cannot receive funding from the grant. The exception is subcontractors, who provide a service and are paid by invoice.

Q: Is the application confidential?

A: Yes, the applications submitted to the Novo Nordisk Foundation are treated with strict confidentiality. All information provided in your application will be used solely for the purpose of evaluating your proposal.

Q: Will the Foundation provide feedback on applications?

A: Due to the high number of applications that the Foundation receives each year, we unfortunately do not have the capacity to provide individual feedback to applicants, which includes feedback provided over the phone. This decision has been made by the NNF Board of Directors and is stated in the guidelines for applicants to this call.

We fully understand your reasons for asking for feedback and the Foundation is looking into ways to provide some feedback to applicants in the future.

Q: Will the call be recurring?

A: Yes, the call will be recurring once per year until 2030 (but the themes are subject to change).